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CAPE TOWN FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, TZ, NM
SUBJECT: NYERERE ON ANGOLAN DESIRE TO SEE USG IN LUANDA

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 2501

1. AFTER DISCUSSION REPORTED REFTEL WITH WESTERN FIVE AMBASSADORS ON NAMIBIA, NYERERE ASKED ME TO STAY ON FOR PRIVATE CHAT. HE SAID HE WANTED TO EXPLAIN WHY IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT NEXT MEETING ON NAMIBIA BE IN LUANDA. NETO SPECIFICALLY WANTS TO TALK TO AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL. THE FRONT LINE THINKS THIS IS A GOOD IDEA. NYERERE--AND NETO--APPRECIATED SECRETARY VANCE'S MEETING IN NEW YORK WITH ANGOLAN FOREIGN MINISTER. HOWEVER, NETO WANTED TO GET FULL DIRECT FEELING FOR US ATTITUDES

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HIMSELF.

2. I SAID I KNEW OF NO INSURMOUNTABLE BARRIER TO A US OFFICIAL'S MEETING WITH SWAPO AND OTHER WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES IN LUANDA AND PERHAPS SEEING NETO PRIVATELY AT THE SAME TIME THE WESTERN FIVE CONTACT GROUP IN NEW YORK WOULD PRESUMABLY BE THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE TO GO TO LUANDA. THAT MEANT AMBASSADOR

MCHENRY IN THE AMERICAN CASE. NYERERE SAID THAT WOULD BE FIND.

3. I ADDED THAT I SAW HOW SOMETHING MIGHT BE ACCOMPLISHED IN LUANDA ON NAMIBIA, BUT I WAS NOT SURE SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE USEFUL FOR DISCUSSION OF BI-LATERAL ANGOLAN-US RELATIONS. WHAT DID PRESIDENT NETO HAVE IN MIND? ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS? NYERERE AGREED WITH MY RESERVATIONS ON DISCUSSIONS OF BI-LATERAL ISSUES, BUT SAID: "DON'T WORRY. NETO JUST WANTS TO WHISPER A LITTLE WITH YOU. YOU SHOULD DO IT."

4. IN THE COURSE OF THE PRIVATE TALK ON NAMIBIA, I MENTIONED THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAD BEEN MUTTERING ABOUT DOING SOMETHING ON VOTER REGISTRATION. WE WERE DOING ALL WE COULD TO DISCOURAGE AND WOULD CONDEMN IF THEY MOVED AHEAD. I WAS NOT SURE WHAT SOUTH AFRICA WAS GOING TO DO. IT COULD AMOUNT TO SOMETHING BAD OR TO NOT VERY MUCH. NYERERE DID NOT SEEM UNDULY PERTURBED.

5. COMMENT: APART FROM ANY DIFFICULTIES WE MIGHT HAVE WITH LUANDA AS A LOCATION FOR A MEETING, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT WHAT WE MIGHT ACCOMPLISH THERE WILL DEPEND ON WHAT WE CAN GET FROM SOUTH AFRICA. I WONDER IF IT IS NOT TIME TO RECONSIDER OUR EARLIER THOUGHT OF MAKING A LAST MAJOR PUSH ON SOUTH AFRICA BY HAVING THE WESTERN FIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS VISIT THERE. SUCH AN EFFORT, IF ITS PURPOSE WAS MADE CLEAR, WOULD HAVE CONSIDERABLE IMPACT ON NYERERE AND HIS ASSOCIATES, EVEN IF WE DIDN'T GET EVERYTHING
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WE WANTED OUT OF SOUTH AFRICA. IF WE DID GET WHAT WAS NEEDED, THE FIVE COULD GO ON TO LUANDA AND END THE AFFAIR.
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